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SUBJ: STATE OF MARYLAND GROUP TRAVEL

REF: STATE 92710, STATE 97495, MANAMA 443

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LITERATURE FOR SEVEN OF PARTICIPANTS IN GROUP.

2. LOKE MANAMA WE SOMEWHAT PUZZLED THAT MARYLAND COMING TO UAE AT THIS TIME SINCE WE WERE NOT ON ORIGINAL IOGA ITINERARY.

3. GROUP ARRIVING ABOUD DHABI ON JUNE 4, A FRIDAY. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT CARS OR OVERTIME MONEY AVAILABLE TO MEET GROUP AT AIRPORT. TAXIS ARE READILY AVAILABLE COSTING DHS. 20 (5 DOLLARS) FOR TRIP FOR AIRPORT TO HOTEL.

4. EMBASSY WISHES TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING. IT FINE WITH US IF GROUP PURSUING ITS OWN CONTACTS. BUT IF GROUP COMES INTO OFFICE ON SATURDAY MORNING JUNE 5 EXPECTING US TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR TEN
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MISSION MEMBERS, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO IT.

EMBASSY HAS FOUR TELEPHONE LINES FOR 13 EMPLOYEES INCLUDING AMBASSADOR. PHONE LINES FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY IN INVERSE PROPORTION TO DEMAND PLACED UPON THEM. MOREOVER, ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR MISSION THIS SIZE TAKES TWO EMPLOYEES THREE TO FOUR DAYS.

5. SUGGEST THAT MISSION DIRECTOR YINGLING PROVIDE US WITH LIST OF CONTACTS GROUP WISHES TO CULTIVATE AND WE WILL ARRANGE DEFINITE APPOINTMENTS IF DESIRED. FOR THOSE PARTICIPANTS WITHOUT LEADS IN UAE, EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE LIST OF POTENTIAL CONTACTS BASEDRPN INFO IN STATE REFTELS AND COMPANY LITERATURE SO FAR PROVIDED. ALSO SUGGEST THAT YINGLING TELEX ABU DHABI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (DIRECTOR, HASSAN SHALABY, TELEX 2449 TIJARA) INFORMING THEM OF GROUP ARRIVAL DATES AND BUSINESS INTERESTS. RECOMMEND YINGLING REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH DIRECTOR SHALABY FOR MORNING OF SATURDAY JUNE 5.

6. PLEASE ADVISE EXACT ETA AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS. STERNER

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